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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission
FROM: Leslie Haynes, Administrative Law Judge
DATE: August 23, 2001
SUBJECT: Southwest Central 9-1-1 System, Illinois

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Petition for Modification of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number System.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter the attached Order.

This matter concerns Commission approval of a modification to an existing 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Plan filed by Southwest Central 9-1-1 System. ("Petitioner"). Petitioner provides 9-1-1 service to several communities in Illinois, including the Village of Dixmoor, however, under the modification to the 9-1-1 Plan, service to the Village of Dixmoor would be discontinued.

The Petitioner indicated that it receives 9-1-1 surcharge fund money from Ameritech, however, the amount received is not adequate to cover the cost of providing 9-1-1 service to the Village of Dixmoor. Various court orders and settlement agreements have been entered and Petitioner is seeking Commission approval of this modification to its 9-1-1 Plan to exclude Dixmoor.

Although Staff recognizes that Southwest Central's costs are not being covered, it is concerned that the residents of Dixmoor will not have 9-1-1 service. Staff has been working in conjunction with Dixmoor officials and also the Blue Island public safety answering point in order to work out an agreement whereby Blue Island will provide Dixmoor with 9-1-1 service. Staff recommended that the Petition be granted, however, in the interest of retaining 9-1-1 service for Dixmoor, it recommended that the effective date of the Order be delayed for the lesser of either 120 days or until Dixmoor enters into an alternate arrangement for the provision of its 9-1-1 service.

The attached Order is consistent with Staff's recommendation. Accordingly, I recommend that the attached Order, which approves modification of the 9-1-1 Plan, be adopted by the Commission.

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